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SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. LAST NIGHT WAS PROBABLY THE QUIETEST WE HAVE
EXPERIENCED IN MANY WEEKS. TRAFFIC INTO TOWN THIS
MORNING CONTINUES TO BE LIGHT AND THE CENTER OF THE
CITY IS DEAD. TRIPOLI AND ZAHLE QUIET AND YESTERDAY WAS
PRINCIPALLY DEVOTED TO POLITICS. YESTERDAY'S CABINET
MEETING NON-PRODUCTIVE BUT OBVIOUSLY QUESTION OF INCLUDING
LEBANESE ABROAD IN NATIONAL CENSUS IS BECOMING A MAJOR
ISSUE. MOSLEMS HAD SUMMIT MEETING YESTERDAY, INCLUDING
ARAFAT, TO PREPARE FOR WHATEVER COMES OUT OF MEETING OF
CHRISTIAN LEADERS TODAY, INCLUDING MARONITE MONKS,
CHAMOUN, GEMAYEL, ETC.

2. I HAD LUNCHEON YESTERDAY WITH MARONITE MONK LEADERSHIP
AND FATHER KASSIS. THEY ARE INDEED ANTEDILUVIAL AND THEIR
IDEAS OF CONCESSIONS, NEGOTIATIONS AND DEMOCRACY DO NOT
REPEAT NOT COINCIDE WITH MINE.

3. L'ORIENT LE JOUR FRONT-PAGES AUB OPENING JANUARY 5,
THANKS TO GOL UNDERWCTING DEFICIT. LATTER WAS CABINET
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DECISION YESTERDAY AND IS EXCELLENT NEWS. I PHONED GHASSAN

TUENI TO CONGRATULATE HIM.

4. TAQLA RETURNED YESTERDAY, SPEAKING OF MEDICAL PROBLEMS
IN PARIS. KARAME SUPPORTING HIM.

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